environment of the sub-continent with nuclearisation of Pak and its quest for massive arms build-up, Government propose to reconsider its nuclear option; and

(c) if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Security situation of India is constantly under review, particularly in the light of the developments in her neighbourhood. The Government of India will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Proposal to place Calcutta under Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.

257. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to place Calcutta under Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The case is under consideration.

Subversibe and anti-India activities by Pakistan

258. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has stepped up its subversive and anti-India activities in Kashmir and Punjab recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to stop such activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The role of Pakistan in training and arming terrorists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir, providing them with sanctuary, and assistance for infiltrating into India has continued.

(c) Large number of raids have been carried out by security forces leading to arrest of around 100 subversive elements. Some arms have also been seized. Vigil on the border has been strengthened.

In respect of Punjab, the steps include anti-infiltration measures such as, erection of barbed wire fencing and flood lighting along the more sensitive stretches of the border, increase patrolling in the border areas, provision of sophisticated equipment to the B.S.F. for deduction of intruders, action against smugglers and border crossers etc. The matter has also been taken up by the Government of India with Pakistan Government authorities at different levels, including three rounds of talk at the Home Secretary level.

Dr. Nelson Mandela's visit to India

259. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended their invitation to Dr. Nelson Mandela to visit India;

(b) if so, when he is likely to visit the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that the visit takes place early?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No precise indication is yet available, although he has said that he would wish to visit India early.

(c) Prime Minister's invitation was handed over personally to Dr. Nelson Mandela at his house in Soweto near Johannesburg, South Africa on February. 14, 1990 by a Special Envoy. Dr. Mandela was very appreciative of India's role and profusely thanked the Prime Minister for the invitation. He indicated his intention to visit India as soon as possible.

Interference by Pakistan in internal affairs of India

260. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the matter of interference by Pakistan into the internal affairs of India particularly with respect to the problems of Kashmir and Punjab with the leading countries of the world; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Pakistan's interference in our internal affairs has been brought to the attention of all concerned. Most countries approached have shown understanding for India's position.

Dilapidated condition of DTC main office at Connaught Place, New Delhi

261. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shabby surroundings and lack of maintenance of D.T.C. main office operating in the heart of Connaught Circus, New Delhi despite owners of the premises offering their services in this behalf;

(b) whether there are no proper light points and the floors as well as stair-cases require heavy repairs in these D.T.C. premises located in Scindia House, New Delhi; and

(c) whether any study has been undertaken by Government to ensure functioning of separate eat and tidy counters for tourists and local clients visiting this office throughout the day; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) DTC has intimated that the sourrounding areas and the stair cases at their Scindia House Office are used by a large number of tenants and users. The DTC does not have exclusive control over these areas. These common areas have to be properly maintained by the owner and no action has been taken by the owner to property repair and maintain the common areas. Insofar as DTC Office is concerned, the premises have sufficient lighting points and are maintained in a satisfactory state.

(c) No study has been undertaken by Government regarding this. A neat and clean DTC tourist counter on the ground floor provides service to the tourists.

TV scripts pending with Doordarshan

262. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of TV serial scripts are pending with the Doordarshan for final clearance;

(b) the number of such scripts pending for the clearance with Doordarshan at present; and

(c) by when the pending scripts for producing TV serials are likely to be cleared?